

Activity

BECOME A FILM CRITIC

Write a film review of one of three films (or all three if you want!).

What should I do?

Watch these short films:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMnx_3BC7EM: Fishing with Sam

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj6V-xZgtIQ>: Taking Flight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YP6gTFs-VG4>: Unimagined Friends

Choose one that you enjoy most. Watch it again and make some notes about things you really like about it.

Write a film review

Use the 'Into Film' Film Review template to write a review about your chosen film:

<https://www.intofilm.org/resources/3061/review-writing-frame-editable.pdf>

Or, use the simplified frame below to structure your writing.

Share your work

Send your review to friends to see if they would like to watch the film. Swap reviews if friends have reviewed different films.

You can tweet what you've been up to using the Twitter handle @BabcockLDPEng and the hashtag #BabcockEnglishAtHome.

IMPORTANT: Just remember everything you have been taught about staying safe online, and do talk to the person who looks after you about this before making a decision.

Things that could help me

It often helps to talk about the film with a friend or an adult to really work out what you think, before starting to write.

Watch the film several times as you will notice different things each time.

*Change it up!
...Go further!*

A) Write a review comparing two films, noticing similarities and differences. Are there any common themes? You could look at 'Taking Flight' and 'Unimagined Friends'

B) Record a review using video as if you were a television critic.

Notes for parents and teachers

Use of YouTube needs to be supervised. The films chosen have been checked for appropriate content. If children want to write other reviews, use only films that you know or have watched with them.

Film Review Writing Frame

Title of the Film:

Introduction

(Think about how to hook your reader by making it interesting and engaging)

Paragraph 1: Synopsis

(Write a brief and snappy description of what happens in the film. Try not to include any spoilers which could give away the best bits!)

Paragraph 2: Context

(Write about what the film is like. You could use some of the 3 Cs: Character/Colours/Camera angles
...or 3Ss: Story/Setting/Sounds.

Could you make any links with other films?)

Paragraph 3: Evaluation

(Did you like the film? Why? Why Not? Give detail to explain.

Use a range of adjectives to describe how the film made you feel.)